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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9843
INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
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SUBJ: EC TRADE ACTIONS ON MOTORCYCLES

REF: EC BRUSSELS 8846

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH JAPANESE REP (TAMORI) ON THROWN
SILK, WE LEARNED THAT JAPANESE MISSION HAS MOVED QUICKLY TO
HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH EC CONCERNING EC QUOTA ON MOTORCYCLES
(REFTEL).

2. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE, THEY INFORMED THE EC THAT THESE CON-
SULTATIONS, HELD JULY 28, CONSTITUTED CONSULTATIONS UNDER
ART XXIII:1 OF THE GATT. SINCE THEY DID NOT RESOLVE THE PROB-
LEM, JAPAN NOW BELIEVES IT CAN BRING AN ART XXIII:2 COMPLAINT
AGAINST THE EC, ALTHOUGH TAMORI SAID THAT TOKYO HAS NOT YET
DECIDED WHAT TO DO.

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3. ACCORDING TO TAMORI, EC INDICATED THAT IT DID NOT
INTEND TO JUSTIFY ITS ACTION UNDER THE GATT, BUT THAT
ITS ACTION WAS IN RETALIATION FOR JAPANESE RESTRAINTS ON
IMPORTS OF SKI BOOTS FROM THE EC, ALTHOUGH THE JAPANESE
DENY ANY SUCH RESTRAINTS. EC APPARENTLY TALKED OF A
QUOTA BASED ON THE EC CLAIM THAT JAPAN HAD REDUCED
JAPANESE IMPORTS OF SKI BOOTS FROM THE EC BY ABOUT

TWENTY PERCENT. JAPANESE APPARENTLY ALSO ASKED THAT,
IF IT COULD BE SHOWN THAT NO JAPANESE RESTRAINTS EX-
ISTED AND THAT TWENTY PERCENT REDUCTION FIGURE USED
WAS IN ERROR, WOULD THE EC CONSIDER ADJUSTING THE QUOTA.
EC REPLIED THAT THIS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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